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Customer Number 22,852

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Confirmation No. 5632

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:

Ronda M. Allen et al.

Application No.: 09/648,641

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING DNA
POLYMERASES

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Michael V. Meller

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to reply to the
Final Office Action of January 12, 2004. A fee of \$475.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the Notice of Appeal and
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Respectfully submitted,

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